

**SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

March 7, 2022

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 pm Board President Kelsey Rossbach called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Kelsey Rossbach, Christine Brozon, Matthew Bennett, Susan Gloss, David Harvatine, Bruce Kopp, Rachel McCarthy

Board members absent: None

Administrators present: Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn, Luke Carnicelli, Boyan Mnahoncek, Caitlin Wasielewski

Others present: Jamie Bailey, Reagan Binns, Linda Clark, Lauren Collier, Avrey Colton, Julia Dunsmoor, Mark Ferrari, Marcy Hand, Louie Hasenjager, Robb Jetty, Betty Keller, Faith Keller, Julie Kulis, Natalie Kulis, Jennifer Lane, Janet Lehman, Melissa Littlejohn, Sapphire Lonsky, Gary Mutchler, Julie Palmer, Heather Rejman, JD Rejman, Josh Saville, Ann Sill, Emma Smith-Dennis, David Weber, Lorelei Weber, Cindy Whitten

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

-- On a motion by Chris Brozon seconded by Matt Bennett, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes –7 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

CALENDAR/DATES TO REMEMBER

SCCS Musical Mamma Mia! Friday & Saturday March 18 & 19 at 7:00 PM; and Sunday March 20 at 2:00 PM in the High School Auditorium

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 21

3.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Janet Lehman asked about the Claims Auditor Report in section 8.0.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

-- Michael Simons shared information and data about the district's "Real Time Response Match Coaching Update".

5.0 OLD BUSINESS – none

6.0 NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS; CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 6.0.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

-- Minutes BOE meeting February 14, 2022

-- CSE Recommendations 2021/2022

-- Transfers to Reserves

Assistant Superintendent Loretta Van Horn reported the district has been advised by Auditors to make their transfers to reserves recommendations earlier in the fiscal year.

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves transfers on or before June 30, 2022, from the General Fund unassigned fund balance into the following reserve funds, up to the following amounts:

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

<i>Reserve</i>	<i>Maximum Amount to Transfer</i>
Repair Reserve	\$500,000
Teacher Retirement System Reserve	\$200,000
Capital Reserve	\$1,500,000

7.0 PERSONNEL/CONSENT ITEMS

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 7.0, for the 2021/22 school year or for the term as indicated.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Superintendent Patrick Jensen thanked Richard Littlejohn, Jonathan Mosher and Paula Schmitt for their years of service to the school district.

-- APPOINTMENTS

-- School Bus Driver; **Christina Sogaw** of Cayuga, NY, to a 1.0 FTE position as a School Bus Driver, with a 52-week probationary period, effective March 8, 2022 at a rate of \$17.20 per hour

-- Volunteers:

Elementary School Reader	Mary Crosley	Volunteer
Elementary School Reader	Carin Kopp	Volunteer
Elementary School Reader	Elaine Meyers	Volunteer
Elementary School Reader	Howard Nelson	Volunteer
Elementary School Reader	Elizabeth Stilwell	Volunteer
Softball Assistant	Grace Van Horn	Volunteer
Baseball Assistant	Aaron Dingy	Volunteer

-- Practicum Teaching Placement; Cornell University student
 - **Megan Lamb** with Halee Wasson, Fridays, March 11 through May 20, 2022

-- Co-Curricular Appointments:

After School Tutor	Daniel Barrow	\$ per contract
After School Tutor	Colton Gregg	\$ per contract
ELL Tutor	Becky Davis	\$ per contract
Varsity Tennis <i>split stipend</i>	Cathy Murray	\$1,735
Varsity Tennis <i>split stipend</i>	Megan Vitale	\$1,735
Varsity Softball	Harold Van Horn	\$3,817
Modified Softball	Kaycee Simpson	\$2,139
Varsity Baseball <i>split stipend</i>	Ryan Vanacore	\$2,970
Varsity Baseball <i>split stipend</i>	Julio Heredia Severino	\$500
Varsity Golf	Dennis Johnson	\$3,817
Varsity Track Head Coach	William Mullarney	\$5,207
Varsity Track Assistant	Steve Holden	\$2,604
Modified Track	Christine Bartolotta	\$2,139
Intramural Baseball	Brett Jillson	\$37 per hour

-- RESIGNATIONS

- **Richard Littlejohn**, School Bus Driver, for personal reasons, effective April 16, 2022
- **Jonathan Mosher**, School Bus Driver, for personal reasons, effective June 25, 2022
- **Paula Schmitt**, Guidance Office Secretary, for personal reasons, effective June 30, 2022

8.0 BUSINESS OFFICE REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-- Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the Treasurer's Report for January 2022.

Motion made by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes –7 No – 0

-- APPOINTMENTS

-- Claims Auditor Report, October, November, December 2021

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

-- Superintendent Jensen shared information and an informational graphic regarding the three grants that have been approved: CRRSA ESSER II 2021-2022, ARP ESSER III 2021-2022 and ARP ESSER III 2022-2023. He shared he wants to spend the monies smartly, maximizing instructional opportunities. Assistant Superintendent Van Horn shared there are certain parameters of how the funds can be spent.

-- Superintendent Jensen shared a Capital Project Update including information about the upcoming stage curtains replacement and major electrical upgrade scheduled to occur during the last week of June. The \$100k project will focus on internal door replacement.

10.0 BOARD OF EDUCATION; COMMITTEES/DISCUSSION TOPICS

-- Discussion Topics – none

-- Athletics; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
- Next meeting is March 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm, meeting minutes will be provided. Chris Brozon shared they reviewed final participation numbers for winter sports and are having an ongoing conversation regarding spring sports.

-- Audit; Chris Brozon, Bruce Kopp, Kelsey Rossbach
- No report.

-- Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Bruce Kopp
- Next meeting is March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm

-- Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Susan Gloss, Rachel McCarthy
- Met March 3, 2022 meeting minutes provided
- Next meeting is March 23, 2022 at 7:30 am

-- Facilities; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy
- No report.

-- Policy; Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy
- Next meeting is April 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm

- Safety/Wellness; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - Will meet again in April or May.
- Transportation; Susan Gloss, Kelsey Rossbach
 - Met February 17, 2022, meeting minutes provided. Kelsey Rossbach shared they reviewed bus routes and times and what it may look like post-Covid.
- Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann
 - Superintendent Jensen shared. Brian Hartwell and Doug Tomandl from Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES will attend our Board of Education meeting on April 4, 2022.

11.0 VISITOR RECOGNITION; RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Robb Jetty spoke about the SCCS Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Reagan Binns spoke about volleyball.
- Josh Saville spoke about whether there is a printed guideline of how to spend funds.
- Jamie Bailey spoke about student enrollment numbers.
- David Weber spoke about the SCCS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Board President Kelsey Rossbach read the following statement to meeting attendees:

“As a general reminder, questions regarding personnel or staff are not appropriate for a BOE meeting and will not be addressed by the Board of Education. For those concerns, please follow the proper procedure:

- Step one is to speak to the individual directly.
- If you continue to have questions or concerns, please speak with their direct manager (Principal, Athletic Director, etc.)
- If you continue to have questions or concerns, speak with the Superintendent.

Regarding the questions from the February 14, 2022 meeting:

- There was a question regarding the process for adding a new sports program. Adding a new sports program should be discussed with the Athletic Director directly, who will then address the concept with the athletic committee. Many determining factors go into the ability for SCCS to host another sports program for SCCS students. All aspects of that would be vetted and discussed in detail before any actions occurred.

- We received a question about our ability to offer 5th and 6th-grade band courses. Since COVID, these grade levels have followed the pod protocol as a safety precaution to reduce any unnecessary spread of COVID-19. As we work to return to a regular schedule and cadence at school, we will also work to provide students with extracurricular courses that enhance their experience at SCCS. This process takes time and is something we are navigating as we go to ensure we continue to follow COVID protocols that are continually changing.
- There have been a few emails and questions regarding the Board of Education's decision to stop the volleyball program. We will start by emphasizing that the SCCS athletics committee and Board of Education have been discussing the viability of continuing with four girls' fall sports teams for many years now. Instead of focusing on eliminating a sport, we would redirect our energy to offer more intramural opportunities for our fifth and sixth grade students as there is a need identified there. In addition, the student population numbers, sports participation/fielding teams, scheduling opportunities for gym space and securing certified coaching staff all pose ongoing challenges. Contemplating the idea of needing to eliminate a sport is a difficult choice, but the strength of future programs requires us to evaluate long term goals. Our volleyball program does not have a feeder program supporting it. Volleyball also takes place in two different seasons. In the fall, when female student athletes reach the JV/Varsity level, choices need to be made between sports they have played at a modified level. The total number of girls in any sport in the fall is then affected by having four offerings. We consistently are unable to field full teams adequately. By reducing fall sports to Cross Country, Swim and Soccer, gym space is freed up in both the fall and winter seasons to develop programming for younger students.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Chris Brozon seconded by Matt Bennett, the Board of Education entered executive session at 8:19 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion by Dave Harvatine seconded by Chris Brozon the Board of Education returned to open session at 8:59 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

- The Board spoke about Elementary Spanish. Superintendent Jensen will send a letter to staff by the end of this week.
- Cayuga Counseling is struggling with staffing. The building principals would like to hire a therapist, it will be grant funded.
- High School graduation will be held on Friday evening, June 24, 2022.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Susan Gloss, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Hand, District Clerk